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DIA Outline for
Public Presentation on Defense Budget

Problem - defense budget issue

Solution -

Two key elements for success:

1. Must explain threat in context of meaningful consequences if left unchecked
2. Must show a logical confined game plan for rectification/checkmating the problem.

Proposed outline for "The Basis of the Defense Budget

- o Open with short explanation of the fact that US military capability requirement is a complex equation.
- o It is further complicated by fact that the problem is dynamic, primarily because of Soviet Union commitment to military omnipresence.
- o However, it can be reduced to basics, i.e., US:
 - Must maintain strategic deterrence
 - Must meet commitments to Allies
 - Must have capability to maintain regional stability and secure sea lanes in areas vital to US.
- o All of these responsibilities have become more difficult over last decade and will be even more challenging for the balance of this decade and next primarily because of the Soviet Union's past and continuing enormous investment in their military forces.

GRAPHIC: Comparison of defense budgets for last 15 years.

- o The US defense problem today is both to rectify the past unbalanced in US-Soviet defense investment and to checkmate the future.
- o Briefly explain the problems and the solutions for each of these military commitments mentioned.
- o Strategic Deterrence

PROBLEM - In spite of SALT, coincident with 15 years of trying to negotiate an end of military competition at the strategic level, the Soviets have:

- modernized their missile force to the point of being capable of destroying our landbased missiles in their silos.
- Improved their technology in air defense systems to seriously challenge our current air retaliation process.
- Have constructed massive number of remote hardened shelters for their Party leaders at all levels that offer high degree of survivability to that element of their society you most want to put at risk for deterrence.

- Are securing their forces and C³ systems even against US retaliation capabilities so as to be able to conduct a controlled protracted nuclear war which challenges our past basic strategy of massive destruction as a viable deterrence.

SOLUTION - Blue programs

- o Commitment to Alliances - principally NATO problem.

In spite of decade of earnest attempts to achieve military stability between NATO and Warsaw Pact via MBFR of the Warsaw Pact has:

- modernized and significantly expanded theater air forces for continuation of conventional and nuclear attack.
- Enhanced their divisions through more mechanized forces and higher fire power.
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o Regional Stability

Problem:

- Expansion in Soviet naval forces/operational areas, including trend in establishing forward bases (Cam Rahn Bay, etc.)
- Support surrogate forces through transportation, supplies, advisors, etc.
- Enormous arms sales.
- Direct invasion, i.e., Afghanistan.

SOLUTION - Blue plan.